

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

[c01] A support device for supporting an article, the device comprising:

a shank having a first end and a second end, the first end adaptable to be driven into a member for securing the shank therein; and

a first support member and a second support member outwardly extending from the shank, the first support member and the second support member for supporting the article when attached to or suspended from at least one of the first support member and the second support member.

[c02] A support device according to claim 1, wherein the shank, the first support member, and the second support member have a coplanar relationship.

[c03] A support device according to claim 1, wherein the first end of the shank comprises a threaded portion for threadably securing the shank into the member.

[c04] A support device according to claim 1, wherein the shank comprises a head at an extremity of the second end, the head having a polygonally-shaped surface for threadably driving the shank into the member.

[c05] A support device according to claim 1, wherein the first end of the shank comprises at least one barb protruding from an outer surface, the at least one barb for securing the shank into the member.

[c06] A support device according to claim 1, wherein the shank comprises a head at an extremity of the second end, the head for striking the shank while driving the shank into the member.

[c07] A support device for supporting an article, the device comprising:

a shank having a first end and a second end, the first end adaptable to be driven into a member for securing the shank therein;

a generally hooked-shaped support member outwardly extending from the second end of the shank, the hook-shaped support member for supporting the article when attached to the hook-shaped support member; and

a second support member outwardly extending from the second end of the shank, the second support member having an inner surface forming an enclosure about a hollow inner area, the second support member further supporting the article when attached to the second support member.

[c08] A support device according to claim 7, wherein the shank, the hooked-shaped support member, and the second support member have a coplanar relationship.

[c09] A support device according to claim 7, wherein the second support member has a generally ring shape, and the inner surface has a generally circular shape enclosing the hollow inner area.

[c10] A support device according to claim 7, wherein the second support member has a generally square shape, and the inner surface has a generally square shape enclosing the hollow inner area.

[c11] A support device according to claim 7, wherein the second support member has a generally triangular shape, and the inner surface has a generally triangular shape enclosing the hollow inner area.

[c12] A support device according to claim 7, wherein the first end of the shank comprises a threaded portion for threadably driving the shank into the member.

- [c13] A support device according to claim 12, wherein the shank comprises a head at an extremity of the second end, the head having a polygonally-shaped surface for threadably driving the shank into the member.
- [c14] A support device according to claim 7, wherein the first end of the shank comprises at least one barb protruding from an outer surface, the at least one barb for securing the shank into the member.
- [c15] A support device according to claim 7, wherein the shank comprises a head at an extremity of the second end, the head having a generally flat surface for striking the shank while driving the shank into the member.
- [c16] A support device according to claim 7, wherein the shank comprises an interior passage extending from the first end to the second end, the interior passage having an inner wall defining a longitudinal axis extending from the first end to the second end, the interior passage open at the first end and open at the second end such that a fastener may be inserted into and through the interior passage.
- [c17] A support device according to claim 16, wherein the inner wall of the interior passage is threaded.
- [c18] A support device according to claim 16, wherein the shank comprises at least one finger extending from the first end of the shank, the at least one finger deflecting into contact with the member as the fastener is inserted into the interior passage.